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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ISSUE

1. THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH OUR REPORTING FROM LAGOS ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ISSUE AT THE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE MAY HAVE UNDERSTATED THE INTENSITY OF AFRICAN EMOTIONS AND CONCERNS AND THUS THE ABILITY OF OTHERS TO EXPLOIT THIS ISSUE IN ATTACKS ON THE U.S.

2. THERE WERE OF COURSE THE NUMEROUS REFERENCES IN PLENARY AS ALREADY REPORTED. THE MOST DETAILED OF THESE WAS THAT OF SEAN MCBRIDE WHOSE SPEECH COINCIDED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER THAT FRANCE HAD EVIDENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN INTENTIONS TO EXPLODE A NUCLEAR DEVICE. TO ENTHUSIASTIC APPLAUSE, MCBRIDE CALLED THE ROLE OF THOSE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., WITH NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION PROGRAMS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

3. THE REAL INTENSITY OF VIEWS WAS APPARENT WHEN WE SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE A REVISION OF THE NUCLEAR PARAGRAPH SO THAT PEACEFUL NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA WAS NOT DISCOURAGED. AMONG THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE
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SECURITY COUNCIL, ONLY FRANCE SUPPORTED OUR POSITION.

4. THE AFRICAN REACTION WAS ONE OF DISBELIEF AND NONE OF THE ARGUMENTS USED TO JUSTIFY NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA HAD ANY EFFECT. NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IS ANATHEMA. THE BELIEF IS THAT ANY NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY WILL EVENTUALLY BE DIVERTED TO MILITARY PURPOSES BY AN INCREASINGLY

DESPERATE SOUTH AFRICA. MOREOVER, EVEN IF SOUTH AFRICA
DID NOT DIVERT PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO MILITARY PURPOSES,
THAT COUNTRY'S HOLD OVER ITS BLACK POPULATION WOULD BE STRENGTHENED.
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